

Nebraska Intergovernmental Data Communication Advisory Council

Resolution in Support of the Nebraska Land Information Systems Program Act (LB 565)

- Whereas: Information about land ownership, ownership patterns, and other land-related information, such as street addresses, is important to a wide range of public/private uses and applications (economic development, banking, insurance, natural resource management, agriculture, education, taxation, emergency response, utilities, public safety, etc.) at the both state, regional and local government level.
- Whereas: Information related to land ownership and street address changes flows through Nebraska's local governments and these local governments are the primary repository and steward of legal land ownership records and street addresses data.
- Whereas: A study of Nebraska local government land record management practices and needs found that most of Nebraska's local governments maintain land records, street addresses data, and related maps in either paper format or a combination of paper and digital formats which makes it costly to keep current and difficult to share the information across agencies and levels of government and with the private sector (http://www.calmit.unl.edu/gis/LRM_Index-Page.htm).
- Whereas: This study of Nebraska land record modernization needs also found that most local governments need assistance to automate land records and street address data so that this important information can be kept current and be accessible to a wider range of users and applications.
- Whereas: Nebraska Intergovernmental Data Communication Advisory Council (NIDCAC) has a statutory charge to "assure the efficient collection, use, and exchange of information between state agencies and governmental subdivisions,"

Now, Therefore be it resolved:

- Section 1. NIDCAC believes it is important to efficient good government, economic development, public safety, public services and natural resources management to modernize how Nebraska's land records and street address data are maintained.
- Section 2. Local governments must play a leading role in this modernization of land records and street address data. State government should be an active partner in this modernization process. State and local governments should cooperate to insure that the necessary financial and technical resources are available to local governments and that standards are applied so that the data developed are compatible across jurisdictional lines.
- Section 3. The proposed legislation, entitled the Nebraska Land Information Systems Program Act (LB 565), was developed in response to the findings of a Nebraska Land Record Modernization Study and through a collaborative process with state and local government representatives and seeks to develop a state/local government partnership to facilitate the modernization of how this critical data is developed and maintained by providing a dedicated revenue based on user fees, and providing technical assistance, data standards, and encouragement for regional collaboration.
- Section 4. NIDCAC supports the concepts outlined in the Nebraska Land Information Systems Program Act (LB 565) and urges the members of the Nebraska Legislature to enact this proposed legislation.